

Unit Highlights

Visitors to this Ranger District can enjoy panoramic views from the sandstone bluffs of the Longleaf Vista Recreation Area; feel the cool currents, white sandy beaches, and rocky rapids at Kisatchie Bayou Recreation Area; experience a wilderness challenge in the nationally designated Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area, and so much more.

Surrounding Areas

The Longleaf Vista Recreation Area lies on a ridge that provides excellent views of the 8,700 acre Kisatchie Hills Wilderness, which surrounds the Vista on three sides. This popular day-use recreation area offers a variety of opportunities including picnicking, a 1.5 mile interpretive trail, and access to the wilderness. Locally known as the "Little Grand Canyon," the Wilderness Area is a favored place among hikers and horseback riders who often enter along the Backbone Trail. Kisatchie Bayou Recreation Area offers day-use picnicking, swimming, fishing and canoeing on the bayou, and hiking, biking and horseback riding on the Caroline Dorman Trail. Camping areas are oriented towards walk-in tent camping along the banks of the bayou.

For More Information

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Recreation Opportunity Guide



General

This District encompasses over 102,000 acres of forest southwest of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Developed Recreation

The District administers two developed recreation areas: Kisatchie Bayou Recreation Area and Longleaf Vista Recreation Area. User fees are as follows:

Day-Use Fees

\$2.00 / vehicle @ Kisatchie Bayou

\$5.00 / operator on Sandstone Trail

(OHV, horse, mountain bike)

Camping Fees

Kisatchie Bayou - \$2.00 / night

Cane, Lotus & Corral Camps-\$3.00/night

Dispersed Recreation

The District offers visitors numerous dispersed activities that include 9 scenic overlooks, 12 miles of wilderness hiking trails, canoeing over 20 miles down the Kisatchie Bayou, 50 miles of multiple-use trails, and a 17-mile national scenic byway. The National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve is a popular area for various hunting opportunities.

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Other Essentials

National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve:

The National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve is a local favorite for hunters and wildlife enthusiasts. From October 1st through April 30th, camping in the Red Dirt Preserve is allowed only in designated locations. These are Oak Camp, Corral Camp, Coyote Camp and Custis Camp which are all primitive hunter camps. Corral and Coyote Camps are designated OHV camps. In addition, roadside camping is permitted along specified roads on the preserve, view the map of Red Dirt in the Kisatchie Ranger District Maps Page.

Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area:

The Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area contains 8,700 acres of varying landscapes from rolling hills, to bluffs, to sandy bottomland. There are four trails which total over 10 miles which can be utilized by horse riders and hikers. There are entry forms at each of its access points which should be filled out for safety. Forms and a drop box are provided but you should be sure to bring pen in order to complete the form. These forms are to provide Forest Service personnel the ability to be aware of someone who plans on entering the Wilderness Area, where they plan to travel and when they plan on departing. This way if you run into trouble someone knows your plans.

| Recreational Opportunities and Facilities on the Kisatchie Ranger District | | | | | | | | | | | Forest Service U.S. Department of Agriculture |
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| Fees | Picnic | Camping | | | Water Sports | | | Trails | | Facilities | |
| \$ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>Kisatchie Bayou Areas Daily Usage Fee</i> | <i>Day-Use Site</i> | <i>\$2</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> |
| | <i>Camping Site</i> | <i>\$2</i> | | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> |
| <i>Longleaf Vista Recreation Area</i> | <i>free</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | | <i>✓</i> | | | | |
| <i>Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area</i> | <i>free</i> | | | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> |
| <i>Dogwood Campground</i> | <i>free</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | | <i>✓</i> | | | <i>✓</i> |
| <i>Longleaf Trail Nat'l Scenic Byway</i> | <i>free</i> | | | | | | | | | | <i>✓</i> |
| <i>Kisatchie Scenic Overlooks</i> | <i>free</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Caroline Dorman Recreation Trail</i> | <i>free</i> | | | | | | | | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> |
| <i>Sandstone Multi-Use Trail (1)</i> | <i>\$5</i> | | | | | | | | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> |
| <i>Anderson Pond</i> | <i>free</i> | | | | | | | <i>✓</i> | | | |
| <i>Cane Camp</i> | <i>\$3</i> | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> |
| <i>Corral Camp</i> | <i>\$3</i> | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | <i>✓</i> | |
| <i>Coyote Camp</i> | <i>free</i> | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Custis Camp</i> | <i>free</i> | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Lotus Camp</i> | <i>\$3</i> | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> |
| <i>Oak Camp</i> | <i>free</i> | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Red Bluff Camp</i> | <i>free</i> | | | | <i>✓</i> | <i>✓</i> | | | | | <i>✓</i> |

(1) Sandstone Trail fees of \$5 are for each OHV operator and/or each horse rider

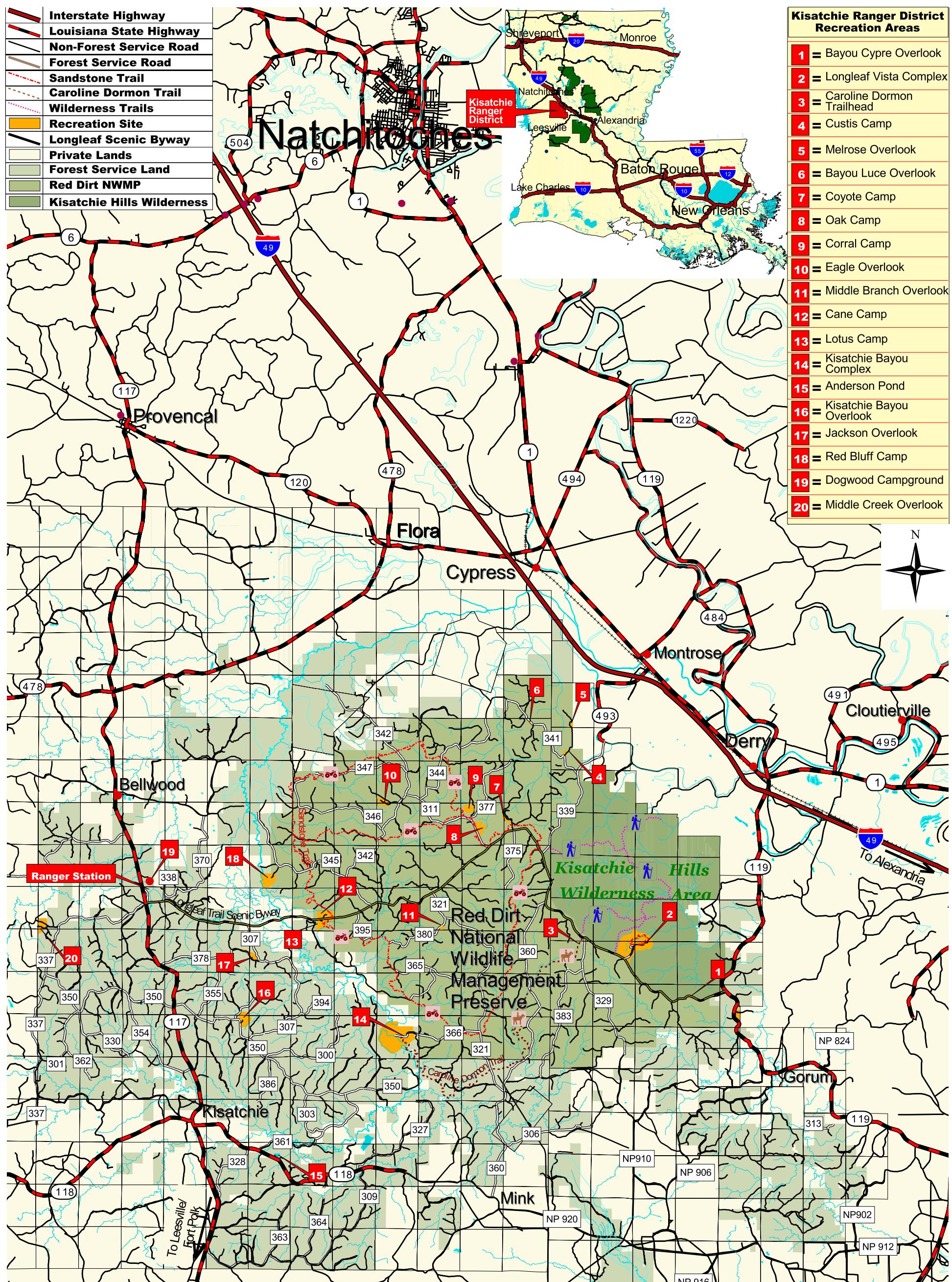
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| | Interstate Highway |
| | Louisiana State Highway |
| | Non-Forest Service Road |
| | Forest Service Road |
| | Sandstone Trail |
| | Caroline Dormon Trail |
| | Wilderness Trails |
| | Recreation Site |
| | Longleaf Scenic Byway |
| | Private Lands |
| | Forest Service Land |
| | Red Dirt NWMP |
| | Kisatchie Hills Wilderness |



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